

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Applicant       | : | Tomoyuki Kume et al.  |                  |      |
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| Examiner        | : | Robert A. Vetere  |                  |      |
| Title           | : | PROCESS FOR PRODUCING LIGHT ABSORBING<br>LAYER FOR CHALCOPYRITE TYPE THIN-FILM SOLAR<br>CELL (as amended) |                  |      |
| Docket No.      | : | KOY-16877   |                  |      |
| Customer No.    | : | 040854  |                  |      |

SUBMISSION WITH RCE REQUEST  
(In response to Paper No./Mail Date 20101216)

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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the final Office action dated December 23, 2010 and accompanies RCE Request papers. The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on March 23, 2100. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests and petitions that the response date be extended, for one month, to April 23, 2011. Since April 23 and 24, 2011 are Saturday and Sunday, respectively, this paper is timely filed on Monday, April 25, 2011 with the one month extension. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.